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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION ON PROTEINS

1. SUMMARY. SECGEN HAS PROPOSED RESTRICTED INFORMAL POLICY-LEVEL MEETING ON PROTEINS LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. MISSION HAS INDICATED U.S. RESPONSE WILL DEPEND ON BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BUT TIMING IN ANY CASE WOULD BE A PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

2. VIATTE, HEAD OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETS DIVISION AND SENIOR AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL PRESENTLY IN SECRETARIAT, HAS ASKED MISSION WHETHER U.S. WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION TO RESTRICTED AND INFORMAL HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON PROTEINS TO BE HELD LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. VIATTE SAID AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR SIMANTOV, BEFORE GOING ON VACATION LAST WEEK, WAS INSTRUCTED BY SECGEN VAN
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LENNEP TO PREPARE FOR SUCH MEETING ON URGENT BASIS.

VIATTE UNDERSTOOD SECGEN HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO CALL MEETING BY SECRETARY SHULTZ, FINMIN GISCARD D'ESTAING AND OTHERS WHEN SECGEN WAS IN WASHINGTON FOR C-20 MEETINGS.

3. PURPOSE OF MEETING WOULD BE TO DISCUSS PROTEIN SITUATION OVER NEXT YEAR OR TWO AND IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICIES. SECRETARIAT WOULD HOPE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE HIGH-POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS, PERHAPS AT U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE FROM U.S., CANADA, EC COMMISSION, JAPAN, AND AUSTRALIA.

4. SECRETARIAT PUT PROPOSAL TO EC COMMISSION (PIZAUTTI) LAST WEEK. VIATTE SAID PIZZAUTTI HAD INDICATED COMMISSION AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO MEETING BUT HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH THE DATE. MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD NOT EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 20 OR SO. SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO PUT PROPOSAL TO JAPANESE BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE. PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CANADIANS OR AUSTRALIANS.

5. BASED ON REPORTS OF EXCHANGES WITH LARDINOIS (STATE 143944, USEC 4289 AND STATE 152365) AND WITH JAPANESE (STATE 149755), WE TOLD VIATTE U.S. WAS ENGAGED IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH WOULD BE CONTINUED WITH EC COMMISSION AND JAPANESE IN MID-SEPTEMBER, AND THAT DECISION ON POSSIBLE UTILITY OF A MULTILATERAL MEETING WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL THAT TIME. ON PERSONAL BASIS, VIATTE ASKED THAT U.S. CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF MULTILATERAL MEETING AS PROPOSED BY SECGEN ON SEPTEMBER 26, BETWEEN EC AGRICULTURE MINISTERS MEETING AND OECD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO COMMISSION. WE AGREED TO PASS SUGGESTION TO WASHINGTON. ROGERS

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